SOLDIERS MEET IS TORPEDOED

Fifty-six Lost; BILL WILL OPEN WAY Give Neither Names Nor Their Contingent

W ASHINGTON, May 25-(Associated Press)-Fiftysix Americans went to watery graves early Thursday morning when the armed merchantman, serving as their transport was torpedoed and sunk, probably in were or to what division they benot as yet been advised.

Carrying American forces from England to France, according to the best advices which have been received by the war department. convoyed by a suitable force of destroyers, the 9500-ton British steamer Moldavia, being used as an armed troopship for the carry ing of American troops was submarined.

BRIGHT MOON

Thursday morning was clear and bright, a great full moon casting its bright rays down upon the Wednesday night and early waters. Without warning and was launched which reached the men. don't explosion and the vessel I and requires all men between the burched and quickly began to fill age of twenty one and thirty one engage of in non-essential vocations to join the and settle.

NO DISORDER

There was no disorder among the American forces aboard the support and the war's success. trans ort. With military precies in restaurants, hotels and clubs, also took their positions and then their bathhouses, etectera, ushers and then Pullman Cars Are Taken Over By the raports of his speech at St. Paul sion they filed upon the deck and Loormen, afterward picked up by the con- ers, also servants and store clerks. fifty six had been blown to death the list will be washington, May 25—(Association and one week's ed Press)—Soldiers and sailors who by the explosion or overwhelmed construed as idleness. by the in rushing waters. Lon don despatches said it is believed the men who are missing were aleeping on the lower deck and overwhelmed when the sea rushed in upon them.

MEAGER ADVICES

vised of the disaster by the British admiralty and the despatch employment of many women. neither names nor to what division the men belonged. It is preof time.

service cannot avoid punishment on system for the period of the war,
their return, regardless of the lapse of time. sumed it was a part of the troop movement from training camps RED CROSS FUND HAS

Cables for full advices were sent by the war department and the public will be fully advised of the losses when replies are received

Other Disasters

Two other vessels have met with disester according to reports received yesterday and last night. The British steamer lutiscara was struck amidship twenty two million dollars. and sank within four minutes, as told ! in messages from Cork and Queenstown. More than thirty of her crew nee missing and are believed to have been lost. Her captain, a mate, the steward and two sailors have reached ort safely, bringing the news of the

On Wednesday the converted yacht Wakiva, which had been doing patrol Press)-Boliva is seeking to secure cuty in European waters, was in colli- Japanese labor upon a large scale and cion and sank quickly. Two of her has under way negotiations to encourcrew were lost

THREE AIRPLANES ARE INVOLVED IN COLLISION ing the necessary negotiations.

LONDON, May 17 - (Associated Press).-There have been many inclauses in England of airplane fatali-The from two planes colliding in the lain's Pain Bule twice a my massage a buff the first case on record is ing with the pair of the hand for five a single collision becurred a few days dampen a piece of flant i singlish was the first all a Scotch aerodrome. The collision of this line and find it on over the five a progress about 300 feet above sent of pain. For the by all lighters of Proc. The sent to rest the manifestation of March as general by brevet, bis passports.

| Last the break has handly come. | Substance to the roof administration in the first and that it is expected that this coll in the roof administration of the five and the five and the sent of the country side one one. | Cuban minister here has been handed will save the people of the country hilled. | Hawaii. Alst. | Cuban minister here has been handed will save the people of the country hilled. killed.

FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION AND TO STALY

PHOENIX, Arizona, May 25—(Associated Press)—Arizona went on record yesterday as in favor of antionwide prohibition and is the eleventh state to ratify the constitutional amendment which will banish liquor from

state to ratify the constitutional amendment which will banish liquor from the United States. The house of representatives ratified the amendment which had been adopted by the senate on Thursday.

In voting for the proposed dry amendment Arizona is following its home policy and acting upon its own experience. It has the inost drustic prohibition law of any state in the Union, a law which prohibits importation, manufacture, transportation, sale, gift or having in possession liquor which was brought into the state after the passage of the law. In spite of this law thousands of dollars are annually required to prosecute the cases of attempted importation across the New Mexican and California borders. The legislators recognize that the only sure way to enforce prohibition is through a federal nationwide provision.

FOR OLDER MEN TO

WASHINGTON, May 25- (Associat Press) -Men over forty will be given if the bill, of which a draft was yes of War Baker, shall become a law.

This proposed measure provides for teenth and that a coalition has been the acceptance of voluntary enlistments formed which is negotiating for the by men of more than forty years of age unity of Lithuania as a "white" sep the English Channel. Who they and under fifty five years of age. They arate state under a protectorate which are to be assigned to noncombatant A large German force is reported to are to be assigned to noncombatant longed the war department has positions but they will see actual serv- be located twenty five miles from Kursk ce and many of them will get close to

It is believed this bill would draw ice to their country in spite of the fact that they have reached or passed middle age. W. & S.

COUNTRY APPROVES ORAFT REGULATION

WASHINGTON, May 24-(Official)
-National solidity for the success of he war is again shown in the popular approval given the "fight or work" lecree issued by Provost Marshal General Crowder, amending the military ervice regulations.

The senate and house military comfrom a submarine which had not mittees have adopted Baktr's plan been sighted from the troopship unanimously providing pay for three million soldiers and ordnance approor any of her convoys, a torpedo priations on the basis of four million

> army. Previous deferred classifications are revoked. The scope of the order is not yet entirely determined, but it is tirected at all idlers and men not en anged in work vital to the nation's

places in the boats. They were tor attendants except actual perform-

for workers in shippards, munition fac | All of the rolling stock and other

dlers and men non-effectively employ- will the railroads. The war department was ad ed the choice between military service

--- W. S. S. BIG GAIN IN DAY

WASHINGTON, May 25-(Associa) d Press - Stimulated by the reports that Hun aviators are bombing American hospitals back of the line and en-Itailing injury and suffering upon the wounded, the nurses and the physicians, denations to the Red Cross fund took a great leap forward vesterday, gaining

Last night on partial returns it was announced that the total was \$86,667.

JAPANESE LABOR SOUGHT FOR BOLIVIAN FIELDS

LONDON. May 24 - (Associated age the immigration which it seeks, no cording to advices reaching the foreign office here. It is said that Bolivia a has an agent in Tokio who is conduct

FOR A LAME BACK. which three airplanes were involved in minutes at each application. Then a single collision becurred a few days dumpen a piece of than I slightly with

AID THER COUNTRY Lithuania is To Have "Self-Government" Under German Protectorate

LONDON, May 24 - (Associated every chance to serve their country Press -Formation of a "White" Rus rinn republic under a German protec torbre is announced from Moscow. De

on the Duciper and only about 300 miles from Moscow to, the southwest. An Exchange telegram says that or a quick and a large response from the the sixteenth the workmen's conneil of many who desire to be of actual serv. Kursk detided to call for a grevoluforces to face, meet and check the Ger mair invasion.

Russin is greatly alarmed at the men zee of the proposed return of its sol diers who have been prisoners in Austrin and Germany. Of these there are said to be 3,100 000 of whom a million are said to be invalids and more than half a million tubercular. Germany ' proposal has been for the neturn of who were physically incapacitated for military service and should receive in return only able bodied Germans. the hundreds of thousands of Rus sians who have tuberculosis it is reported that the greater number are the last stages of the disease.

The return to Russia at this time of this vast army of sick men with conditions socially and economically as they now are and in the face of the lack of food and medicines as well as medical assistance would present a most serious problem.

Moscow has beard that the Central Powers have given their endorsement, to the proposal that Musselman officials shall head the government of Crimea, the proposal having enanated from Constanting-dis Constantinople,

Government

steering from eccupation shall not be are enjoying leave and are traveling at their own expense are to be grant Whether professional baseball players will be included awaist a test case.
Local boards will determine the individual's status. The new regulations are expected to solve the Nation's need such men would be one cent a mile. tories, on the farms and other essen- properties of the Pullman Company ial industries, by transfers from non- have been taken over by the govern reseful employment ment and will be paid for in the same Crowder said: "We shall give the way and on the same general plan as

In connection with the handling of the passenger service the government The ruling opens the way for the has found that the parlor car, sleeping cur and dining car services is an ess The attorney general states that those fial part. It will be combined with was meager in its details giving leaving the country to avoid military the railroad government into a single

CANNOT DO MORE TO AID CAUSE OF WOMEN

Tumulty Tells Delegation President Has Done His Best

WASHINGTON, May 25-(Associat) ed Press; -President Wilson has done all that he can do in the cause of woman's suffrage. He is with the wamen in their demand for the right of the ballot but he can do no more. Private Secretary Tumulty, writing for the President, has sent a letter to delegation of women from munition factories who, came to Washington to seek further aid from the President is the presecution of their cause, the the President cannot with honor and propriety do mything mere. He has clearly expressed his heutiments to the country and to congress and has arged

- W. S. B. -FAIRBANKS BETTER

INDIANAPOLIS, Mov 25 + (Associaated Press) -The condition of former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks, was reported last night as being con; When you have pures or inmeness in siderally improved and some hope of ted Press) -- Mexico and Cuba while the back baths to pure on h Chamber at least a temperary recovery was held not necessarily at war are distinctly at

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BAKER ANNOUNCES

Speaking At New York Mass Meeting War Secretary Prom ises Italians Artillery, Machine Guns and Infantry

NEW YORK, May 25-(Associated Press) Speaking at the Met ropolitan Opera House to a throng which filled and overflowed the great structure, at a mass meeting which was held to commemorate the entry of Italy into the world war three years ago, Secretary of War Baker said is part: "We have learned that we must fight and we have learned that we must keep on fighting until we shall be able to dietate the terms of peace. such terms as will enable us, after peace has been declared to dictate and insist upon the relations which Germany, and her Allies, must maintain with the other members of the family of nations."

The secretary told his hearers

that he brought them good tidings for Italy. American artillery, Am-erican machine guns and American infantrymen, he assured them, would soon be fighting on the Italian front as well as on the Western front.

Caruso sang and was in marvelous voice.

NATION JOINS WITH WASHINGTON, May 24-(Official)

This was "Italy Day" and was so Italy's entrance into the war.

President Wilson this morning made ord, he fled, public a message to Italy in which he said in part: 'The United States and De Weese was it's people have looked with profound sympathy upon the efforts and the sacri-fices of the Italian people in this struggle of which the object is the liberation and freedom of the rights of the weak as well as the strong and maintenance justice by the irresistible force of free nations of the world leagued together in defense of mankind.

This was also the "Empire Day" f the British, the survival of the long elebrated birthday of Queen Victoria. Following her death the birthday of King Edward was not celebrated as a holiday but the public continued the observance of May 24. Britons by birth are generally observing the day tonight with meetings and celebrations of various form.

Wisconsinite Did Not Say What Was Reported In His St. Paul Speech

and the committee which is investigat ing his atterances there in connection with what he has said in other speech es, on and off of the senate floor in the progress of the senatorial inquiry as o the charges of disloyalty laid against

him, has been so informed.
The Associated Press today sent a 'elegram to Senator Pomerene, chair man of the senatorial investigating committee informing him that in the reports of LaFollette's St. Paul speech the words "We have had no grievance" should have been "I was not in favor of beginning war. We had a grievance "

The error is regrettable and the opportunity to make the correction is mixed in order to do him no injustice This speech of LaFollette was not reported by a staff man of the Associat ed Press.

PRINCE ARRIVES ON HIS WAY TO JAPAN

Arthur of Connaught Visits Presi dent in Washington

WASHINGTON, May 25—(Associated Press)—Prince Arthur of Con-usught, heading a British mission to lapan, arrived here yesterday after noon, accompanied by his staff. prince he caffer upon President Wilson accompanied by Ambassador Reading, special British minister to Washing ton, and was warmly welcomed by the President.

He and Earl Reading dined with the sabinet and other officials last eve (Upon reaching Japan the prince will

present to the emperor a British field marshal's baton.

the passage of a constitutional amount. MEXICO AND CUBA ARE which is still pending in the separate.

MEXICO CITY, May 25-(Associaouts and diplomatic relations between the two countries have been severed. It is learned here from official circles bituminous coal by ten cents a ton was AVASHINGTON, May 25 (Associat) The Mexican charge d'affa

GREAT ATTACK BY GERN HUNS FORECAST BY LLOYD GEORGE WIL

Confesses His Crime and Selects Bullet Rather Than Noose To Explate

SALT-LAKE CITY, May 25-(A-soalated Press)-In accordance with the law of Utah which permits the person convicted of a crime which is punishable with death to determine the means which shall be used in the execution of the death penalty, Howard H. De Weese was shot to death yesterday. Howard H. De Weese, self-styled 'King of Jewel Thieves,' chose to be

shot for the nurder of his wife, Mrs. Fanny Fisher De Weese, of New York. Her body, terribly mutilated was found in a Salt Lake City ledging house, Sep tember 25, 1916. The head had been se hattered and the body so mutilated that every possible mark of identifiea tion had been destroyed. Work of Police

The police had as a clew only the fact that De Weese and the murdered woman had registered a few days before the murder as Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Robbins. In December, 1916, De Weese surrendered to the Chicago police, ex-plaining his alleged many jewel robberies and giving as an excuse for his surrender to the police his desire to of the murder.

He declared that he and his wife had been followed by two men on the night of the murder. He took her to their room, then left, he said, for the purpose of robbing two or three resi dences he had been "spotting". said he found his wife had been murdered upon his return to their room ecceptrated throughout the country, dered upon his return to their room marking the third anniversary of early in the morning, and fearing as rest because of his past criminal rec

De Weese was returned to Salt Lake City and tried for murder. The trial was one of the most sensational in the criminal history of Utah. Every per emptory challenge of both the prosecution and defenve was used before a bury was secured. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty a few minutes of ter retiring. De Weese chose to be a man may choose to be either shot or hanged. A petition for a new trial on the ground that of thirteen sworn to try him one had died during the trial and that a new jury should have been impaneled, automatically de laved his execution, but the appeal was He appealed to the supreme court for a new trial, which was again denied him and he was again re sentenced to death, the execution being se

for May 24. The mardered woman was the former ife of Henry V. Fisher, a New York City haberdasher. She met De Weese when he was an employe of Eisher, and eloped with him to Rene, where she secured a divorce and married De Weese, After a short stay in San Francisco where De Weese said he com mitted several burn'aries, the couple

De Weese was the son of Dal De Weeve, wealthy orchardist of Canon City, Colorado, well known hunter for the Smithsonian Institution. The fa-NEW YORK, May 24-(Associated ther refused to all the son or take

IS PLAN OF MACADAM

The news of the nerial service be vices New York and Washington has resed Postmaster H. D. MacAdam to n a similar service between the is-He is writing to Washington perutission to put the plan into exe tion and if the permission is granted will consult with the local army horities about obtaining carriers. There is no place in the United States ere an aerial mail service would be greater advantage. Mail goes from calulu to Hilo twice a week. An ial service which could cover the tance in three or four hours would of great commercial advantage, bringing the two places much closer Mr. MacAdam believes that time is soon coming when such a me will be an accomplished fact.

- W & B -DEPARTMENT OF STATE GETS NO CONFIRMATION

WASHINGTON, May 24-(Official) The state department is investigating out has been unable to verify reports that Kerensky, former premier of Rus-sin, is to arrive in the United States

BIG ZEPPELIN DOWNED AND CREW IS RESCUED | tetail.

LONDON, May 24 - (Associated resal -News has been received here from Esjberg, Denmark, that fisher men landing there tell of seeing a Zen downed in the North Sea. by a British destroyer which rescued the erew of the big nirship.

RUSSIA NAMES RED CROSS WORKER TO ACT

---- W. S. S.

MOSCOW, May 25 (Associated Press - Raymond Robins, who has been shiref of the workers of the American Red Cross in Russia has been appointed the unofficial representative of the Rus sinn societ government. He has started for home.

COAL PRICE CUT

WASHINGTON, May 25- (Associat I frees | Reduction in the price of instanced by the fuel administration tast night. The announcement said that

Premier Is Optimistic and Says Great Race Between United States and Germany For Victory Is Now Under Way

LONDON, May 24-(Associated Press)-Forecast of another great termun offensive to start at an early dute and confidence in the final result was voiced by Premier Lloyd George yesterday at a lunchon the eve of a great German at-tack," he said, "but those who know the prospects best have the most confidence in the final result.

Great Race On "For the Germans and for us," he continued, "the next few weeks will be a race between you Hindenburg and Prevident Wilson for the United States. The Germans are straining every muscle, exerting their every energy to reach their objective before the full help of the United States shall have beeff made available. The American government is using every endeavor to kurry reinforcements

over the seass. "I can honestly say that our government has neglected no posable outlet for the war with all of its tragedies and horrors."
Beating Submarines

The premier said that in April, for the first time since the cam paign of unrestricted submarining was started by the enemy the out put of shipping of the Allies excceded the losses to Allied and to neutral shipping.

Referring to the Trish imbroglio Lloyd George took occasion to do justice to the Frish Nationalist party. He said that there was no doubt that there had been a great conspiracy to bring about an uprisin in Ireland but he had seen no evidence which would lead him to believe that the leaders of the National Party had anything to do with the plots.

Exchange Is Planned The British cabinet is considering plans for a general exchange priseners. This has become known and is not denied by cabinet ministers who say that it is proable that there will be a public announcement made in the early

Billions More Imperative At Present Session

WASHINGTON, May 25-(Associat ed Press)-Secretary of Treasury Mc Adoo is insistent on the imperative need of revenue legislation at the present session of congress but the P.es ident has not yet determined whether he will ask congress to act before ad journment. Yesterday it was believed that he would do so but last night i was said that he had postponed deci

McAdoo insists that revenue legisla tion is essentially necessary and has told congress it is imperative that pro vision shall be made to increase reve nues by more than three billion dollars if the greatly increased budgets are to be met.

As before leaders in both houses are opposing action now and want to car ry out the first program of the ad ministration to put over taxation legis lation until the December session. The congressmen want to adjour

and go home as soon as the most im portant legis'ation is disposed of but few of them have any hope of an ad journment before July. America's daily war expenses now unofficially placed at \$65,000,000 and these are increasing every day a

the myriad of war material and sop

plies manufacturies which have sprung

up get into stride and approach quanity production as they are now rapidly ------ W. R. R. COSTA RICA CASTS ITS

LOT AGAINST TEUTONS SAN JUAN DEL SUR, May 25-(Ascocinted Press -- Costa Rica has cast its

of with the Allies. That country has becaused war with the central powers and has recalled its diplomatic repre entatives according to reports reaching here last night which were meager in W. S. H. .

SAN FRANCISCO GREETS NEW CHINESE CONSUL

NAN FRANCISCO, May 24—(Official)—Hsib Chu, new Chinese consul-peneral, arrived here today from Shanghai. He was welcomed cordially for he was previously known in this ountry, being a graduate of Columbia University.

EXEMPTION REFUSED

LONDON, May 17 - (Associated ress) -- Exemption from military serv. children, one of whom is with the olors. The drafted man has four prothers in the British army,

TO CURE A COLD IN DNE DAY take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. The signature of E. W. GROVE is on each box. Man-CO., St. Louis, U. S. A.

Assault Will Heavy Blow But Will Mark Offensive Effort

of Enemy

W ASHINGTON, May 25-(Associated Press)-Germany is about to shoot her last bolt. The next great attack will be her final great effort and will mark the breaking of her offensive power. This is the opinion of American army officers and

military observers here. It is admitted that the new phase of the German offensive on the Western front will be a heavy blow, one which may cause the Allies to reel under its weight, but officials high in war councils and officers high in the army. freely express their confidence that the blow will fail, that the enemy will fall short of its objectives and its power will have been spent in vain. They consider that this will be the final breaking of the enemy's offensive power. There are some who do not hesitate to forecast that the war will end this year as a result of the

Germans' spent endeavors. REINFORCEMENTS COME

It is pointed out that the Germans are now far weaker than when they launched their attack in March, Their front is now susceptible of flanking movements on a number of sectors. While McAdco Considers Raising Three admitting that the British and French losses have been heavy it is asserted that these have been replaced by the arrivals of the Americans and that Italian reinorcements are also making good he losses the Allies sustained in he earlier phases of the great

Mensive. OFFENSIVE DELAYED

The expected offensive has not een launched. Reports of yeserday indicated little change in positions and small activity by the infantry. German official reorts received last night said the artillery fire before Kemmel and on both sides of the Lys and Scarpe had burst into violence dresh but that beyond reconnectring there had been no infantry activity. At Morenil and Montlidier the German despatches ilso reported heavy artillery fire and it was claimed that in five aids southwest of Bucquoy and he Oise some prisoners were

aken. The casualty list approunced by the var department includes the names of our of the American forces killed in tetion, nine who died of wounds, four 'iy accident, ten of disease, sixteen se crely wounded and one slightly wound

Jermans Revolt

Russian wireless messages to the thte department say that a German rmy division on the eastern front re used to entrain when ordered to the vests Fifty of the ringlenders in the untiny were executed and too inrisened. Other troops are supporting he demonstrations.

E NEMY HELD BACK BY ALLIED TACTICS

WASHINGTON, May 24-(Official) By the great destruction of German cirplanes and by heavy bombing of hose points where the enemy is en aged in troop concentration lehind the erman lines the Adlies have been able to delay the German offcusive, it is explained by military observers. The many infantry raids that have been conducted by the Allies have also had their effect in this result.

'Ambasander' Shurpe has cabled from Paris that American aviators and sol diers are Winning high approval for courage and resourcefulness. United States artifletymen on the Picardy front destrayed eight of ten of the foe's batteried and

German nightes which many from the Toul sector dropped to the he hlud the American Back in Cleardy where hospitals were their special thru ufactured by the PARIS MEDICINE ets. Many nurses and wounded soldiers were the victims of ruthles wess.